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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

NHK led with a report that the Democratic Party submitted a resolution to remove the chairman of the Upper House Judicial Affairs Committee today. NTV, TBS, and Fuji TV gave top play to reports that the rainy season began in the Kyushu region and Yamaguchi Prefecture today. TV Asahi led with a report on a memorial service for the victims of the terrorist attack in London.

## SCIENCE

### Energy Secretary Perry justifies U.S. decision to withdraw from Paris accord

NHK's "News Watch 9" reported on its one-on-one interview with visiting Secretary of Energy Perry, who met with Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry Seko earlier in the day. The program said Secretary Perry is a Republican conservative who served as the governor of Texas for 15 years, adding that he is known for his skeptical position on global warming. On President Trump's announcement that the U.S. will pull out of the 2015 Paris Agreement, the network said Secretary Perry stressed the legitimacy of the U.S. withdrawal by saying that the President "decided that the cost of participating in this club substantially outweighed the benefits." The program said the Secretary added that the U.S. will continue to be the leader in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and that it will aggressively address global warming even after withdrawing from the Paris accord. NHK also reported on the Perry interview on Tuesday morning, adding that the Secretary said he would like China to fulfill its obligation to curb global warming by helping to lead the effort.

### Japanese official tells senator U.S. withdrawal from Paris accord regrettable

NHK reported online that during a meeting with Senator Gardner in Washington on Monday State Minister for Foreign Affairs Sonoura said President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement was regrettable. The Japanese official said it is necessary for the U.S. and Japan to work together to deal with the issue of climate change. Sonoura quoted the senator as telling him that the U.S. Congress will continue to address the issue. During a separate meeting with National Security Adviser McMaster on Sunday, Sonoura stressed that China's involvement is important in urging North Korea to exercise restraint.

### **Abe, Trudeau agree to seek implementation of Paris accord, continue working closely with U.S.**

NHK reported this afternoon that Prime Minister Abe held a teleconference with Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau this morning. The network said the phone conversation was held at the request of Canada, adding that Abe expressed his condolences for the Canadian victim in the latest terrorist attack in London. He reportedly said: "We are committed to working with the international community to fight terrorism." Concerning President Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris accord, Abe reportedly told Trudeau: "The announcement is regrettable. We hope to continue to seek ways to cooperate with the U.S. to address the issue of climate change and work actively toward the steady implementation of the agreement." In response, the Canadian leader reportedly said: "Together with Japan, with whom we share values, we will continue to press the United States on the matter."

### **A new option in medical care for the elderly: pulling the plug**

NHK's "Close-up Gendai+" on Monday reported on a new option in the field of medical care for the elderly: discontinuing life-support measures at the request of patients or their families. The program said the option of discontinuing life-support measures is being increasingly chosen in such areas as emergency medicine, dialysis, and pneumonia treatment. An expert pointed out the importance of considering the best option for the patient. The program also reported on the difficulty of making the "right" decision, and introduced a new approach called advance care planning.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Two U.S. carriers leave Sea of Japan**

NHK reported at noon that a Pentagon official told the network on Monday that USS Carl Vinson and the USS Ronald Reagan have left the Sea of Japan after completing a three-day joint military drill in the area. The network said the USS Carl Vinson will return to its home port in San Diego, adding that the USS Nimitz was deployed to the Western Pacific last week to assume the USS Carl Vinson's role of monitoring the situation on the Korean Peninsula and in the South China Sea. The network said the USS Nimitz is expected to arrive in the Indian Ocean as early as next month to participate in a joint military drill between Japan, India, and the U.S., and then head toward the Persian Gulf. The network added, however, that the Pentagon will respond flexibly and change the destination of the aircraft carrier if any changes occur on the Korean Peninsula.

- [Tokyo proposes reciprocal Abe-Xi visits in 2018](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Trade minister Seko, U.S. Energy Secretary Perry agree to share info on Toshiba](#) (Mainichi)
- [Abe's Belt and Road pivot signals push to improve bilateral ties](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Editorial: U.S. engagement is needed for stability in Asia](#) (Nikkei)
- [CCS Suga: Japan to closely monitor diplomatic rift in Middle East](#) (Mainichi)
- ["TPP 11" should unite behind pact, Abe tells Vietnamese PM](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Japan, Vietnam to improve foreign trainee system](#) (Yomiuri)
- [MAFF signs MoC with Vietnam's intellectual property agency](#) (Sankei)
- [Abe offers to cooperate with Indonesia in counterterrorism measures](#) (Nikkei)
- [Abe pledges cooperation with ASEAN on "free and open" world order](#) (Kyodo News)
- [South China Sea agreement expected in November: official](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Japan conveys regret to senator over U.S. decision on Paris pact](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Cartoon: President Trump and Paris Accord](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)

## SECURITY

### **Plan underway to relocate Futenma High School to land formerly used by U.S. military**

Okinawa Times wrote that Masahisa Miyazaki, an LDP Lower House lawmaker from Okinawa, and the chairman of the alumni association of Futenma High School visited Okinawa Vice Governor Tomikawa on Monday to request that the prefectural high school be relocated to the land formerly used for the U.S. military's Nishi Futenma housing area that was returned to Japan in 2015.

According to the paper, the vice governor expressed hope that the central, prefectural, and Ginowan city governments will work together to implement the relocation plan and that the school will become an innovative model for other high schools.

- [Former deputy governor of Okinawa sets up business organization](#) (Asahi)

- [Former SDF officers set up Japanese affiliate of Veterans for Peace](#) (Kanagawa Shimbun)
- [Japan to showcase cybersecurity tech abroad ahead of 2020 Games](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Latest global cyberattack underscores government's slow response](#) (Nikkei)

## ECONOMY

- [Editorial: Secure adequate finances for investment in human resources](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Steadily implement all measures to boost economy](#) (The Mainichi)
- [JFE Engineering wins \\$90m water treatment project in Philippines](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)
- [Rocks containing rare metals found off eastern Japan](#) (Kyodo News)
- [Fierce battle begins between MOF and MHLW over biannual revision of medical service fees](#) (THEMIS)
- [Kansai Electric restarts another reactor on Sea of Japan coast](#) (Kyodo News)

## POLITICS

- [Prime minister's schedule on June 5](#) (Nikkei)
- [Gist of interpellations at Lower, Upper House committees, June 5](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [LDP to focus on 4 areas in crafting Constitution amendment proposal](#) (Kyodo News)
- [LDP constitutional revision promotion committee doubles executive membership](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Survey of newspaper editorials on Abe's constitutional revision proposals](#) (Mainichi)
- [Editorial: Abe's response to Kake documents only deepens the public's distrust](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)

- [Meet the intellectual muscle behind Japan's prime minister](#) (Nikkei Asian Review)

## OPINION POLLS

- [Koike's new party neck and neck with LDP, Asahi Shimbun poll of Tokyo voters](#) (Asahi)
- [Opinion poll & results for Asahi Shimbun survey of Tokyo voters](#) (Asahi)
- [Why are there differences in public opinion poll findings?](#) (Sankei)
- ['Yaeyama Nippo' provides counterpoint to anti-military newspapers in Okinawa](#) (Japan Forward)

## EDUCATION

- [Japanese, U.S. universities to share campus in Tokyo](#) (Asahi)
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